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VIOLETTE ASSOCIATION

Back in November, a little reunion was held at the home of Terry Smiarowski #1085 in Southington, Ct., for the Ma. and Ct. people who made the trip to France. All shared their pictures and their scrap books of the trip. Needless to say, it was quite a day! We thank you Terry for being such a great hostess.

I am planning on making a huge collage of our trip to France. This would be on display at our Ct. reunion and also at any Genealogical Convention where I may be involved. However, I would like to feel that it is a collage put together by all who went to France. Therefore, I have a little favor to ask of these people. Is it possible for each of you to send me 4 or 5 of your favorite pictures of the trip? I believe that if each of us contribute, it will make for a better representation as we all take very different pictures. Do not hesitate to send some pictures in which you are included. My husband, Bob, who is much more artistically inclined than I, has offered to do this project. Hope you will all encourage him.

The Association has recently purchased the Video tape covering some of our reunion in Van Buren. Channel 3 out of Augusta offered to sell us their tape. We purchased two of them at \$30 each. One is to remain with the Association at all times, to be preserved as a memento. The other is available to all members should anyone care to view it or to have one made from it for themselves. I'm sure many of you have video recorders at home. The cost of mailing and insurance would be up to the person borrowing the tape. The tape would have to be returned in two weeks.

At this time, I would like to thank our anonymous helper who so graciously printed our newsletters for the last year. If you remember, he printed, stuffed them in envelopes, all with no cost to us for labor or materials. He then sent them to me to prepare for mailing. As they say, all good things must come to an end. He is no longer capable of doing this for us due to the deletion of the Printing Dept. in his Company. We are very grateful for all he did for us. Once again all must be done from 32 Louise Ave., Methuen. Since about 700 newsletters are now mailed out, the task is too great for me to handle at home. Therefore they will be printed and folded at an Instant Printing Co. I will have them do all they can do and then I will take over from there. This will be the first time that we have to pay to have our newsletters done. We have grown so much that we really have no choice. Depending on the total cost of the newsletter, including postage, I will determine when the next one will follow. This too will depend on how much information you send me for the newsletter. Instead of mailing one every three months, one will be mailed when enough information is received to warrant one. So please, do send me anything you may think is appropriate for our newsletter.

It always saddens me to convey our deepest sympathy to our members who have lost a loved one. Please remember in your prayers, Vincent Skinner, who recently passed away. He was the son of Noella Violette Skinner #35 of Augusta, Maine. Also, do remember Alfred Massicotte #337 who passed away on November 24, 1982. He was the husband of Lauria Violette Massicotte #336 of Lake Worth, Florida. Alfred Violette of Green Lake, Maine, passed away on May 5, 1982. Two of his sons and one brother are members of our Association. They are Nelson Violette #360 of Bangor, Maine and Gerald Violette #667 of Commack, N.Y. His brother is Leo #455 of East Hartford, Connecticut. A long time ago I had been sent notice of the death of Melvin Soucy. Not enough information was sent in order for me to know just who he was and what family he belonged to. For this reason it was not included in the newsletter. I recently became aware of just who his parents were and would like at this time to extend our sympathy to them, Winnie Violette Soucy #761 and Ernest Soucy #762 of Pompano Beach, Florida.

Do you still have the family form that was sent to you a long time ago? Many of you did return the completed form to me. But, more of you did not. It is never too late to fill them in and send them to me. This would help me immensely when I do receive a little note about a birth or a death. I would then be able to figure out just what family the information refers to.

Congratulations to Michael Violette and Heidi Bacon on their recent Marriage, October 2, 1982 in Milford, New Hampshire. The parents of the groom are Ronald Violette #121 and Elizabeth Adams Violette #122 of Milford. Congratulations are also in order to Annette Petit Palm #128 and David Palm #129 of Hudson Falls, New York on the arrival of their son Daniel Todd on January 2, 1983. Once again, the grandparents are Irene Violette Petit #10 and Roger Petit #11 of Hudson Falls.

Many thanks to all of you who sent donations for the Association to purchase its own Copy Machine. Donations now total \$256.10 with seventy five members having responded. Hopefully many more will respond in the future. Therefore, we will hold this amount aside in the check book. If in the future we have enough money, we will then purchase the Copy Machine.

Are some of you looking for a different place to spend your vacation this summer? We have just the place for you. Gerald Violette and Alfred Violette have a lovely area on Green Lake, Maine located just between Bangor and Ellsworth. They have housekeeping cottages which they rent out during the summer and winter months. For the summer vacationist, there is a beach on the premises with a float, diving board, water slide and swings. An area is also provided for boat launching and boat rentals. Water skiing is also available. Violettes Landing also has light snacks such as hot dogs, ice cream and soda for the hungry swimmer who forgets to pack a lunch. The beach is open to the public.

All the cottages are equipped with the essentials except bed linens, pillows and towels. Should any of you be interested you may receive more information by calling either 1-516-499-7433 or 1-207-843-6876. Incidentally the rates are \$250 per week plus 5% Maine tax. Sounds like an exciting place to spend some time.

Should any other members care to insert something like the above in our newsletter, please feel free to do so.

Many of you are already inquiring about the 1984 reunion in Connecticut. Everyone seems so anxious that it is quite encouraging. I have not heard directly from our Co-Chairpersons of the reunion. However, I am sure that they are working very hard... actually making the first preparations is what is the most difficult. It is not easy to find a place that will hold such a crowd, and neither is it easy to estimate just how many people will attend. Our next newsletter will undoubtedly contain some of the details. This should allow you ample time to request your 1984 vacation. We realize that many of you work in such places that this has to be done as much as a year in advance.

How about an all out attempt to recruit new members. I am sure many of you know some Violettes (perhaps in your own family) or someone in the Violette line who do not yet belong to our Violette Association. Tell them that all it takes is a small donation and they will then be on our mailing list. Let us try to reach all Violettes in Connecticut now before the reunion. Wouldn't it be nice for them to be a part of all this and not come to the reunion as strangers???

"We Are One"

Rita Violette Lippé

NEW MEMBERS

- #1092 Carmen Violette Couturier, 192 Forest Ave., Bangor, Maine
- 1093 Joseph Norman Violette, 13021 Crowley St., Arleta, California
- 1094 Theresa Violette, 38-6th St., Bangor, Maine
- 1095 Dinallene Morin Fehrs, 1315 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott, Connecticut
- 1096 Robert Fehrs, 1315 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott, Connecticut
- 1097 Karon Morin Fongemie, 19-1 Midfield, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 1098 Clayton Fongemie, 19-1 Midfield, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 1099 Sharon Morin Langdeau, 700 Main St., Plantsville, Connecticut
- 1100 Robert Langdeau, 700 Main St., Plantsville, Connecticut
- 1101 Reagan Morin, 6590 Star Rte, Pahrump, Nevada
- 1102 Susan Fleming Morin, 6590 Star Rte, Pahrump, Nevada
- 1103 Blanche Bourassa Violette, 6 Carter Lane, Plantsville, Connecticut
- 1104 Dennis Violette, 7822 White Oak Ave., Northridge, California
- 1105 Wilfred M. Violette, 7 Normand Ave., Sanford, Maine
- 1106 Janice Violette Crowley, 4213 Buckman Rd., Alexandria, Virginia
- 1107 Richard Otten, 11 Parker St., Exeter, New Hampshire
- 1108 Reuben Doiron, Box 125 A, Route 3, Grifton, North Carolina
- 1109 Bessie----Doiron, Box 125A, Route 3, Grifton, North Carolina
- 1110 Norman Bilodeau, 15 Hemlock Circle, Scarborough, Maine
- 1111 Margaret Marsh Bilodeau, 15 Hemlock Circle, Scarborough, Maine
- 1112 Blanche Violette Perrier, 193 College St., Lewiston, Maine
- 1113 Ruth de Lorimier Violette, P.O. Box 147, Chisolm, Minnesota